(a) did the Ernakulam Mail (Anchal) miss train on any day or days during the last six months ;

(b) if so, for what reason ;

(c) has the Superintendent taken any action in the matter ;

(d) will a copy of his report be placed on the Council table ;

(e) what was the Government order thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, on three occasions.

(b) The officers responsible did not wake up in time.

(c) Yes.

(d) A copy of the report is placed on the table (*Appendix III*).

(e) On further representation the Anchal-master responsible was given one more chance to improve.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the missing of trains for tapals a serious charge against an officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated here that it is a very serious case and yet he is given a 4th chance. Is it because of want of better hands in the department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —He begged te be excused and one more chance was given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether Government consider that a qualification ?

President.—That is an ironical question.

Increase of receipts by enhancement of Anchal rates.

219. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the excess amount which the Government had been able to realise in 1108 consequent on the increase in Anchal and Hundi rates ;

(b) during the last 10 years how many times has the Government increased Anchal and Hundi rates ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Please see answer to question No. 205.

(b) Anchal rates twice (1097 and 1108); and Hundi rates once (1108).

Offices held in Ramavarmapuram.

220. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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